

SITUATION REPORT NO. 9
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: July 12, 2002 TIME: 5:15 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds and hail.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: As documented previously, two injuries have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3. DAMAGES: Based on new data, National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts indicate crest levels along the Red River will be lower than July 11 predictions. Moderate flooding is forecast along the Red River in the East Grand Forks and Oslo areas. The river level at East Grand Forks is expected to crest between 39.0 and 41.0 feet on July 14. The river level at Oslo is anticipated to crest on July 15 between 34.8 and 35.3 feet. At Drayton, forecasts call for a crest level of 33.6 feet on July 16. Levels at Pembina are expected to reach 44.2 feet on July 19. Even though lower levels have been predicted, county and community officials continue to monitor, prepare, and respond to changing conditions.

Traill County Emergency Management officials reported homeowners throughout the county have experienced basement flooding and sewer backup. Substantial crop damage was also reported throughout the county. Officials indicated the golf course in Hillsboro was under water.

Grand Forks Emergency Management officials reported the Grand Forks Water Resource District estimated damages from recent storms totaled \$500,000.

On July 12, Devils Lake measured 1,447.48 feet, and Stump Lake was at 1,413.53 feet.

4. RESOURCES:
 - LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
 - STATE: No change from previous reports.
 - FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Traill County officials are conducting ongoing assessment activities for crop damage, county and township road damage, and other damage to infrastructure. City of Hillsboro maintenance crews built a dike to protect the swimming pool from floodwaters.

Walsh County officials contracted with a construction firm to raise dike levels in low areas of the agricultural dikes in Walshville Township. Action was taken to station sand and bags in Warsaw for residents along the Red River who may need to protect their farmsteads.

The Grand Forks EOC will remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on July 13 and 14.

On July 12, the Walsh County Commission issued an emergency declaration due to damages caused by torrential rains and flooding.

All local damage assessment activities are severely hampered by surface water covering transportation facilities and other possible damage sites. Additionally, there still exists a potential for damages due to water movement through the extremely flat Red River Valley drainage system.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance is requested at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: Railroad crews repaired a washed out culvert and the damaged tracks near the Mayville exit on N.D. Highway 200.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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